

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended)

1 A child-resistant closure and container package that comprises:

2 a one-piece container having an open end surrounded by a cylindrical wall

3 with a central axis and a cylindrical outer surface, a plurality of circumferentially spaced

4 projections extending radially outwardly from an said cylindrical outer surface of said

5 wall adjacent to said open end, notches on undersides of said projections, and a

6 plurality of circumferentially spaced flexible resilient spring elements extending radially

7 outwardly from said cylindrical outer surface of said wall and angularly disposed

8 between said projections, and

9 a closure that includes a base wall, a cylindrical skirt extending from said

10 base wall to an axial edge spaced from said base wall, a plurality of circumferentially

11 spaced lugs extending radially inwardly from said skirt, and a circumferentially

12 continuous annular wall extending axially from said base wall coaxially with and spaced

13 radially inwardly from said skirt,

14 said axial edge of said cylindrical skirt being adapted for axial edge

15 abutment with said spring elements at positions on said spring elements spaced radially

16 outwardly from said cylindrical outer surface to urge said lugs axially into said notches

17 with said annular wall being in internal plug-sealing engagement with said open end of

18 said container, removal of said closure requiring axial movement of said closure against

19 said spring elements and rotation of said closure to move said lugs out of said notches.

2. (Original)

1 The package set forth in claim 1 wherein said closure further comprises a
2 second annular wall extending from said base wall axially opposite said skirt, said second
3 annular wall having a circumferential bead for securing said closure to said open end of
4 said container in a non-child-resistant mode of operation.

3. (Original)

1 The package set forth in claim 2 wherein said circumferential bead extends
2 radially outwardly from said second annular wall for internal engagement with said
3 cylindrical wall within said open end.

4. (Original)

1 The package set forth in claim 1 wherein said spring elements lie in a plane
2 perpendicular to said axis and disposed on an opposite side of said projections from said
3 open end of said container.

5. (Currently Amended)

1 A closure and container package having child-resistant and non-child-
2 resistant modes of operation, which comprises:
3 a one-piece container having an open end surrounded by a cylindrical wall
4 with a central axis and a cylindrical outer surface, a plurality of circumferentially spaced
5 projections extending radially outwardly from an said cylindrical outer surface of said wall
6 adjacent to said open end, notches on undersides of said projections, a plurality of

7 circumferentially spaced flexible resilient flat spring elements extending radially outwardly
8 from said cylindrical outer surface of said wall in a plane perpendicular to said axis on an
9 opposite side of said projections from said open end and angularly disposed between said
10 projections, and an internal bead around said open end, and
11 a closure including a base wall, a cylindrical skirt extending from a peripheral
12 edge of said base wall to an axial edge spaced from said base wall, a plurality of
13 circumferentially spaced lugs extending radially inwardly from said skirt, a hollow dome
14 extending axially from said base wall in a direction opposite from said skirt, said dome
15 having an annular sidewall spaced radially inwardly from said peripheral edge of said base
16 wall, a bead extending radially outwardly from said annular wall at a position spaced from
17 said base wall, and a circumferentially continuous annular wall extending axially from said
18 base wall coaxially with and spaced radially inwardly from said skirt,
19 said closure being adapted to be secured to said container in a child-resistant
20 mode of operation with said axial edge of said cylindrical skirt in axial edge engagement
21 with said spring elements at positions on said spring elements spaced radially outwardly
22 from said cylindrical outer surface to urge said lugs axially into said notches and with said
23 annular wall in internal plug- sealing engagement with said open end of said container,
24 said closure being adapted to be secured to said container in a non-child-
25 resistant mode of operation with said dome received within said open end and said bead
26 on said annular sidewall received by snap fit over said internal bead on said cylindrical wall.

6. (Original)

1 The package set forth in claim 5 wherein said beads on said container and
2 closure are circumferentially continuous.

7. (Original)

1 The package set forth in claim 6 wherein said bead on said closure lies in a
2 plane parallel to said base wall.

8. (Original)

1 The package set forth in claim 7 wherein said beads are rounded in profile.

9. (Original)

1 The package set forth in claim 8 wherein spacing between said bead and
2 said base wall on said closure, and between said bead and said end of said container, are
3 such that snap-fit of said bead on said closure over said bead on said container brings said
4 base wall into abutting engagement with said end of said container.

10-12 (Cancelled)

13. (Currently Amended)

1 A container of one-piece plastic construction having an open end surrounded
2 by a cylindrical wall with a central axis and a cylindrical outer surface, a plurality of
3 circumferentially spaced projections extending radially outwardly from an said cylindrical
4 outer surface of said wall adjacent to said open end, notches on undersides of said
5 projections, and a plurality of circumferentially spaced flexible resilient spring elements
6 extending radially outwardly from said cylindrical outer surface of said wall and angularly
7 disposed between said projections.

14. (Original)

1 The container set forth in claim 13 wherein said spring elements are flat and
2 lie in a plane perpendicular to said axis and disposed on an opposite side of said
3 projections from said open end of said container.

15. (Currently Amended)

1 A container of one-piece plastic construction having an open end surrounded
2 by a cylindrical wall with a central axis and a cylindrical outer surface, a plurality of
3 circumferentially spaced projections extending radially outwardly from an said cylindrical
4 outer surface of said wall adjacent to said open end, notches on undersides of said
5 projections, a plurality of circumferentially spaced flexible resilient flat spring elements
6 extending radially outwardly from said cylindrical outer surface of said wall in a plane

7 perpendicular to said axis on an opposite end of said projections from said open end and
8 angularly disposed between said projections, and an internal bead around said open end.

16. (Currently Amended)

1 A method of making a closure and container package that comprises:
2 (a) providing a one-piece container having an open end surrounded by
3 a cylindrical wall with a central axis and a cylindrical outer surface, a plurality of
4 circumferentially spaced projections extending radially outwardly from an said cylindrical
5 outer surface of said wall adjacent to said open end, notches on undersides of said
6 projections, and a plurality of circumferentially spaced flexible resilient spring elements
7 extending radially outwardly from said cylindrical outer surface of said wall and angularly
8 disposed between said projections,
9 (b) providing a closure that includes a base wall, a cylindrical skirt
10 extending from said base wall to an axial edge spaced from said base wall, a plurality of
11 circumferentially spaced lugs extending radially inwardly from said skirt, and a
12 circumferentially continuous annular wall extending axially from said base wall coaxially
13 with and spaced radially inwardly from said skirt, and
14 (c) assembling said closure to said container by engaging said axial edge
15 of said cylindrical skirt against said spring elements at positions on said spring elements
16 spaced radially from said cylindrical outer suface and rotating said closure until said lugs
17 engage said notches on said undersides of said projections.